

**OLDHAM COUNTY**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**ROADSIDE LITTER PICKUP AGREEMENT**

Oldham County Fiscal Court, thru its Solid Waste Management Department, hereinafter called the “County” and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the “Group” recognizing the need and desirability of litter free roads are entering into this agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter free roads within Oldham County.

BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE GROUP AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

*The Group must provide a current Non-Profit Status (IRS Determination Letter) in order to participate. This document must be provided prior to the assignment of any roadways to be cleaned.*

- Participants must be at least ten (10) years of age. When participants are under the age of eighteen (18), the Group must furnish adequate supervision, at least one adult for every three children, but in no event shall anyone less than ten (10) years of age participate in the event.
- The Group agrees to report data requested by the Oldham County Solid Waste Coordinator on the program invoice. This includes quantities of trash bags filled, volunteers who participated, and the hours to complete the assignment. Please also indicate any large item or dumped trash along the roadside or in creeks or ravines that need to be picked up.
- The Group leader must meet with the Solid Waste Coordinator or designee prior to the cleanup event to collect grabbers, gloves, safety vests and bags supplied by the County for the event.
- The Group leader must hold a safety meeting which all participants are required to attend prior to the cleanup. All participants must agree to adhere to the safety measures discussed at the meeting. At a minimum, the safety requirements noted below must be discussed.
- It is suggested that the Group secure written permission slips from parents or legal guardians of children 10 to 17 years of age before participating in the cleanup effort.
- After the cleanup, the Group agrees to return all grabbers, safety vests and unused bags and gloves. The invoice(s) provided at the time the supplies are picked up will be turned in with the supply box. ***Vests that are not returned will cost the group \$6.00 per missing vest.*** If all grabbers are not returned, the Group’s check will be held until all are accounted for, even broken ones.
- The Group must bring filled bags of litter to the Recycling Center for an added delivery payment of \$50 from the County to the Group. Delivered bags must be left in a designated area. Please do not dispose of the trash yourself and insure that the bags are tightly closed.
- The Group acknowledges that the Solid Waste Coordinator or designee will perform an inspection of the roadsides after the cleanup to verify the quality of the work. If there are areas that need additional cleaning, they must be completed before funds will be released.
- All Groups must agree to participate in at least one “Leaders Don’t Litter” event at some time during each calendar year. At least one member of each Group on the master list kept by the Solid Waste Coordinator must sign in and complete a “Pick” event to remain on the list.

## **Safety Requirements:**

Work closely with at least one other person. Don't cross roadways during pickups. Instead, concentrate on cleaning one side of the road at a time or have separate teams working both sides of the roadway at the same time. Teams should be placed at intervals and walk toward each other to complete distances set in advance. Please use the planning sheets and maps provided.

Carpool to the cleanup site as much as possible. Park vehicles clearly off the road surface, preferably in a business parking lot or a driveway, if available. It is permissible to use a vehicle as a "rear guard" following the group with flashers on. Such vehicles may also be used to pick up trash bags and provide water to volunteers.

Be aware of oncoming traffic while working and be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in emergency situations.

Volunteers should carry cell phones for communication with each other and for taking pictures of items they cannot pick up. When a cell phone is in use, stop and face traffic when talking. Under no circumstances should a cell phone be used except for inter-group communication and reporting objects.

Pick up litter as far as the mow line of the easement. You may climb over guardrails, but not fences.

Areas with no safe shoulder space, active road construction or maintenance in progress may be passed over without any deduction to the assigned mileage.

Avoid over exertion and drink plenty of water.

Be aware of any participant with special health needs and have a first aid kit available for emergencies.

Be aware of your surroundings. Watch out for snakes, bees, poison and oak ivy and noxious weeds.

Do not open or remove lids from any containers. Some containers can have dangerous chemicals in them which can cause harm if opened. If in doubt, don't pick it up. Take a picture.

Do not attempt to fill the bags too full or squeeze/compact the bags since injuries can occur with glass, sharp objects or other objects in the bags.

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a one adult to three children ratio.

## **What to Wear:**

**All participants must wear the safety vest and gloves, if not using a grabber, supplied by the County.** Dress for the weather. Wear a hat, long sleeves or sunscreens to avoid sunburn in the summer time. Wear leather shoes or boots with ankle support to avoid foot injuries.

Do not wear headphones or costumes. These will interfere with the ability to hear or see oncoming traffic or emergency vehicles or distract motorists on the roadways.

Do not schedule a pickup to occur during low visibility times of the day, dusk or dawn, on extremely hot/muggy days or during inclement weather.

**Do Not Pickup:**

Road signs of any kind.

Hazardous items: such as hypodermic needles/syringes, broken glass, or dead animals. If there is a question concerning an item, contact the group leader or an adult with the group. Always err on the side of caution.

Be aware of the possibility of encountering dangerous chemicals and explosive devices in the form of drink bottles used as discarded meth labs. Please caution all your volunteers to look carefully at discarded plastic drink bottles before picking them up.

- If the lid is on;
- if there is a hole in the lid;
- if there is plastic tubing;
- if the bottle has foreign or powdery substance in it;
- if there are books of matches, or empty pill blister packs, or automotive fluid containers lying around, **stay away from the bottle and call 911.**

Large items such as appliances, furniture, barrels, tires, car parts, etc. are to be placed with the bags at the Recycling Center. Please note the location of where they were found. If the items cannot be moved, then note the location of the items by picture, address, coordinates or roadway identifier for pickup. It is helpful to make note of any unusual amounts of litter and/or junked items in ravines and creeks. We will take steps to have those areas cleaned up.

By signature below, I, \_\_\_\_\_, **Group representative**, have read and fully understand the guidelines of the roadside litter program and agree to adhere to the conditions and terms of this agreement. Also, by signing this agreement, I have reviewed and accepted the roads assigned to my group and am releasing Oldham County Fiscal Court of any responsibility or liability incurred (accident, injury, etc.) during this litter pickup event.

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Group Representative Signature                      Date                      Group Name (Please print)